SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT MANUAL





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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

☐ Mission Statement of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs: Supported Employment Program

The mission of the Supported Employment Program of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) is to work towards the understanding, respect and support in securing appropriate employment for all customers. We pledge to promote and support an innovative business environment where customers have equal access to employment opportunities and a work and community environment where all are encouraged to reach their full potential. Within this environment we encourage the networking of the customer, their families, service providers and businesses to achieve respect, acceptance and inclusion of employees with disabilities within the community.

Definition of Supported Employment

 $m{A}$ s defined by **PL 99-506**, the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1986 and 1992, supported employment is:

- "competitive work in an integrated work setting for individuals with the most severe disabilities;
- for whom competitive employment has not traditionally occurred;
- or for whom competitive employment has been interrupted or intermittent as a result of a severe disability; and
- who, because of the nature and severity of their disability, need intensive supported employment services or extended services in order to perform such work."

- (PL 99-506, the Rehabilitation Act Amendment

□ What is Supported Employment?

Overview of Supported Employment

Supported employment is an employment support service developed to serve individuals who have not been able to gain and maintain paid employment through more traditional rehabilitation approaches. "Traditional rehabilitation approaches" for individuals with severe disabilities have typically been characterized by pre-employment training programs with the intended outcome being employment <u>at the end</u> of the employment <u>preparation</u> program. In supported employment, the order of service delivery reflects placement of an individual into a paid job and then training or facilitating supports for him or her to be able to perform the duties required for the position. Training energies are used to train the individual to perform the actual work duties in the actual employment setting thereby removing the need for the individual to generalize and transfer skills from a pre-employment training site to the actual work site.

Supports are provided to an individual in an employment situation in varying degrees of intensity will probably be comprised of a combination of both on and off-site supports, but are always designed to meet each individual's particular needs. The delivery of support services is a combination of direct and indirect involvement by a trained professional called a supported employment specialist, employment consultant, (or job coach). The employment specialist works with the supported employee, employer, and co-workers at the work site to facilitate development of natural employee-employer-coworker relationships given the particular work activities and work culture. In some instances, the employment specialist may provide much of the direct training of the supported employee, or he or she may support the employer or a coworker in providing the training themselves. Supported employment is designed to enable the individual with severe disabilities to succeed in the integrated employment setting and to be accepted and included in the work and social culture of the employment setting to the maximum extent possible. The involvement of the employment specialist fades gradually over time to a level of support necessary to assure that the supported employee maintains his or her status as a valued employee. A minimum level of support of two contacts each month has been established within the regulations set forth by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992

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Supported employment is a holistic approach which capitalizes on the strengths and abilities of each individual. The supported employment specialist (SES) works with an individual to identify an employment objective and then implements a plan to achieve that objective. Barriers to employment are identified and then systematically eliminated by the employment specialist and others who make up the supported employees circle of support.

Although the basic process of supported employment was originally developed for people with severe intellectual disabilities the same process is being used to achieve employment objectives for other individuals whose primary disability is not intellectual deficit. For example, a man with severe cerebral palsy and a law degree is supported in obtaining his position in state government. Another young man with autism is trained and supported in his position processing car loans for a large bank operations center. Another man with severe physical disability operates a minicomputer in a bank and is supported by his employment specialist and his co-workers. Individuals with psychiatric disabilities, sensory impairments, physical disabilities, and traumatic brain injury are supported in employment situations in keeping with thtier level of ability and vocational interests. Supported employment has demonstrated an ability to serve individuals with varying vocational and intellectual levels.

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	-Career Support Services, Inc., Richmond,
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SECTION 2

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

☐ The Supported Employment Standards

The supported employment standards set forth in this document are based on best practices in supported employment and are designed for the individual service provider to use as a model when planning for the employment goals and employment opportunities for each customer. These standards are to be used in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the SCDDSN Supported Employment Guidelines and are to be the driving force to assess, evaluate, place, train and support the customer driven approach to supported employment for people with disabilities. The customer driven approach to supported employment is to assist persons with severe or significant disabilities in obtaining and maintaining community integrated competitive employment through specifically individualized planned supports. The focus of the customer driven approach to supported employment is on the customer and their identification of interests, preferences, abilities, and goals.

It is the responsibility of the service provider to assist with needed and wanted supports that have been identified by the customer. The standards outlined in this manual adhere to the assumption that those customers served under contract with SCDDSN will be served through individual placement with a focus on self-advocacy and customer satisfaction. To maintain a high standard of service for the customers by the service provider, it is imperative that each employment specialist and supported employee develop a partnership to achieve the highest quality of service possible in securing employment opportunities for the customer. All staff employed to provide the services of the SCDDSN contract are required to follow the standards and guidelines in this manual to insure quality customer driven services and outcomes for each customers.

Supported Employment services must be provided by staff designees of the independent provider under contract with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN). Failure to comply with the regulations set forth in these standards may terminate the contractual obligations of the independent provider as set forth by the SCDDSN

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Current Supported Employment
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on 2 -IPSE, Sections 1 G5-01
The Supported Employment Record
-Referral Y Authorization Form Contains a copy of the current Supported Employment Referral
Authorization Form Authorization Form Authorization Form and the form
- p. 14 -Initial Interview reflects the need for Supported
Employment Services and a
recommendation of services is made
based upon needs and preferences of
the consumer.
GUIDANCE:
Review the supported employment
record to assure it contains a copy of the
current Supported Employment Referral
Authorization form and the form reflects the need for Supported Employment
Services and recommendations of
needed services are made based upon the
customer's needs and preferences.
Score "Yes" if a current Supported
Employment Referral Authorization
form is present in the record and the
form reflects the need for Supported
Employment Services. Section I of the
form is completed by the Service
Coordinator and Section 2 is completed
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interview employment assessment and customer profile) will be documented in Sections 2 and 3 of the Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE) within **forty-five** (**45**) **business days** of the date the authorization of referral form is received from Service Coordination.

- 5. **MR/RD Form A-11(8/04)** must be received from Service Coordination before Supported Employment Services can be provided for customers funded through the MR/RD Waiver.
- 6. MR/RD Form VR (10/03) Request for Determination of Availability of Service must be received from Service Coordination before Supported Employment Services can be provided for customers funded through the MR/RD Waiver.
- 7. Upon receipt of the Supported Employment Referral from Service Coordination, customers must be recorded as **active/receiving** Supported Employment Services on the STS.

by the Supported Employment personnel.

Score "N/A" if the Consumer is not receiving Supported Employment services.

G9-16 (WAIVER ONLY)

Evidence that services are not available under the VR program is present if the individual receives Supported Employment or Prevocational services.

GUIDANCE:

Review the record to determine if the individual is receiving Supported Employment or Prevocational services through the MR/RD Waiver. If either service is received, review record to locate documentation supporting that this service is not available under a VR program for the consumer (VR sign-off form).

Score "Yes" if evidence is available in the record to support that the service is not available under a VR program (VR sign-off form present).

Score "No" if evidence is not available in the record to support that the service is not available under a VR program (VR sign-off form present).

Score "N/A" if the Waiver participant is not receiving Prevocational or Supported Employment services or if the consumer is not a participant in the MR/RD Waiver.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT STANDARD	GUIDANCE	PROCEDURES	DOCUMENTATION	FIRST HEALTH
801 Supported Employment	1. If assessment documentation is not available at	Section 2	-Assessment form	G5-02
801 Supported Employment Assessment Every customer referred for supported employment services will be assessed or have with them a current and valid assessment in vocational and self-advocacy skills. The vocational assessments will identify the vocational skills needed to enhance the customer's employment opportunities. Self-advocacy skills assessment is				G5-02 Supported Employment assessment and Consumer Profile are completed and results are documented in the Supported Employment record GUIDANCE: Review the Supported Employment record to ensure that it contains a copy of a current Supported Employment assessment with documentation of results and Section 3, Consumer Profile of the IPSE has been developed and documentation of activities recorded in the IPSE. An IPSE assessment must be conducted within thirty-five (35)
	provided by the employment specialist			

CUSTOMER SUPPORT STANDARD	GUIDANCE	PROCEDURES	DOCUMENTATION	FIRST HEALTH
802. Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE) The Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE) is the official agreement of partnership with the customer outlining the customer's goals, objectives, and activities for employment. The IPSE also outlines the activities and services of the provider. This document will be utilized to insure the customer is receiving appropriate customer driven services with his/her interests and preferences taken into consideration.	 The IPSE must be developed by the employment specialist with full participation of the customer throughout the process to ensure identification of the customer's interests and preferences. All sections of the IPSE must be completed in accordance with the customer's needs, interests and preferences (Customer driven). The Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE) Sections 1-3 must be developed within twenty (20) business days of date of initial interview The customer must sign the IPSE, Section 4 within twenty (20) business days of date of initial interview to indicate that he/she agrees to all the terms and conditions of the document The customer understands and agrees to abide by the entrance criteria outlined in the agreement. The IPSE must be implemented within ten (10) days of document signing 	Section 2, p 16	-Referral Authorization Form -Assessment Form -Customer Profile - IPSE, Sections 1-4	*SANCTIONABLE* INDIVIDUAL PLAN OF SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT (IPSE) IS LOCATED IN THE SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT RECORD. GUIDANCE *SANCTIONABLE* Review the Supported Employment record to ensure that it contains a copy of the consumer's current and updated Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE). The Individual Plan of Supported Employment must be implemented within forty-five (45) business days of receipt of referral from Service Coordination. Score "Yes" if the consumer's current Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE) is dated, signed updated and present in the Supported Employment record and complies with the specified time limits stated within the Supported Employment Standards. Score "N/A" if the Consumer is not receiving Supported Employment services.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT STANDARD	GUIDANCE	PROCEDURES	DOCUMENTATION	FIRST HEALTH
803 Implementation of the	1. Service Coordination will be notified in writing	Section 2,	-IPSE, Sections 1-4	G5-04
Individual Plan of Supported	(Referral Authorization Form, Part II) within	pp 16-17	-Referral	Person Centered Planning through a
	ten (10) days of document signing and within		Authorization Form,	Consumer Driven Approach is evident
Employment	forty-five (45) days of receiving Referral Authorization Form to document customer's		Section II	in the Supported Employment record
	status			
The Individual Plan of Supported	1.1 Supported employment services			GUIDANCE:
Employment (IPSE) must be	1.2 Recommendation of referral to other			Review the Individual Plan of Supported
implemented within forty-five (45)	services as needed (i.e. Enclave, Mobile Work			Employment, Section 4, Terms and Conditions to evidence the Consumer
days of receiving the referral	Crew, Individual Rehabilitation Supports,			participated in decisions regarding
authorization form from Service	Prevocational, Day Habilitation, Mental Health,			his/her supported employment services
Coordination and within ten (10)	etc.)			and the consumer's abilities, interests
days of completion of IPSE	1.3 STS awaiting services			and preferences have been taken into
Assessment.	1.3.1 Customers referred for supported			consideration in the development and
Assessment.	employment services may only be placed			implementation of this supported
	on a waiting list, as documented in Section			employment agreement.
	11 of the IPSE, as a result of::-Employment opportunities not available			Score "Yes" if the Consumer's record
	-Employment opportunities not available -Employment specialists not available			has evidence that a Consumer driven
	-Availability of slots			approach was utilized.
	1.3.2 Supported employment provider			
	must make contact with each customer on			Score "N/A" if the Consumer is not receiving supported employment
	the supported employment waiting list at			services
	least every thirty (30) days and document			Scrvices
	in Section 11 of the IPSE to update and			
	review the progress of the customer and			
	the availability of services.			
	1.3.3 The customer's status as "waiting" must be reevaluated at least every 90 days			
	for determination of services and			
	documented in <i>Section 11</i> of the ISPE , and			
	a copy sent to Service Coordination			
	1.3.4 A reevaluation of the customer is			
	required at the completion of one (1) year			
	on the waiting list and recommendations			
	documented in Section 11 of the ISPE			
	and a copy sent to Service Coordination.			
	2. Referral Authorization Form, Section II			
	completed and sent to Service Coordination.			
	3. A copy of the amended IPSE will be sent to			

CUSTOMER SUPPORT STANDARD	GUIDANCE	PROCEDURES	DOCUMENTATION	FIRST HEALTH
805. Employment Selection The customer and the employment specialist must establish a positive partnership in the customer's search for employment. Each will be accountable for his/her identified activities to obtain the customer's employment goals. The employment specialist will provide needed and wanted supports to achieve the customer's desired employment outcomes	1. The employment selection process must be based on the Individual Plan of Supported Employment - Community Based Instruction - Acquisition of skills - Customer profile, Section 3 - Customer's employment goals - Match the job to the customer not the customer to the job - Person centered practices - Knowledge and availability of community resources, Job -Development, Section 6 of the IPSE - Needed and wanted customer support	Section 2, p. 18	-Customer Profile -IPSE, Sections 2, 3, and 6	G5-06 The consumer's Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE) documents needs and supports that are individualized, current, and complete and the Job Development portion of the record is complete and present. GUIDANCE: The consumer and the Employment Specialist will be accountable for the consumer's identified activities to obtain the employment goals as outlined in the IPSE. The Employment Specialist will provide needed and wanted supports to achieve the consumer's desired employment outcomes as evidenced in the consumer's Individual Plan of Supported Employment, Sections 1-3 and Section 6. Score "Yes" if the consumer's Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE) Sections 1-3, documenting needs and supports are individualized, current, complete and Section 6, Job Development is complete and present in the Supported Employment record. Score "N/A" if the consumer is not receiving Supported Employment services.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT STANDARD	GUIDANCE	PROCEDURES	DOCUMENTATION	FIRST HEALTH
806. Job Placement	1. The employment specialist must: -Utilize the IPSE as a basis for determining job	Section 2, p. 19	-IPSE, Section 7	G5-07 Job placement, wages and benefits are
Once the customer has been identified for a job opening, the employment specialist contacts the customer to determine if he/she is available and interested in interviewing for the position. Based on individualized information from the IPSE, the employment specialist can then provide the customer with accurate information to facilitate informed choices	-Utilize the IPSE as a basis for determining job placement -Participate in the job placement process as needed by the customer -Once placement is made: -Conduct a job analysis of the job site to become aware of the natural setting and needed training strategies -Ensure employee safety by identifying safety hazards on the job site -Take necessary precautions to insure maximum safety of the customer 2. Record of Employment (Section 7, IPSE) must be completed and signed once placement is made 3. The employment specialist must refer the customer and identified support people to appropriate resources to indicate how this job placement will affect the customer's benefits and document in Section 7 of the IPSE 4. The employment specialist must document on the Individual Plan of Supported Employment, Section 7, that wages and benefits for this individual placement in competitive employment are in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, Department of Labor/Wage and Hour Division and the customer is receiving no less than the current minimum wage	p. 19	-IPSE, Section 7 -Instructional Strategy Plan	Job placement, wages and benefits are documented in the IPSE. GUIDANCE: Review the Record of Employment in the current Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE), Section 7 to verify record of job placement and to ensure wages and benefits are documented. Score "Yes" if the consumer's current and updated Individual Plan of Supported Employment, Section 7 is complete and current in the Supported Employment record. Score "N/A" if the consumer is not receiving Supported Employment services or if the consumer is receiving Supported Employment services but is not employed.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT STANDARD	GUIDANCE	PROCEDURES	DOCUMENTATION	FIRST HEALTH
807. Job Site Training Job site training should be a well-designed systemic instructional program which is customer-driven and provides the least intrusive method for providing support.	1. The employment specialist must develop a valid and appropriate Instructional Strategy Plan 2. The Instructional Strategy Plan must include: - A task analysis of required skills (as needed) - Identification of natural supports - Instructional strategies - Self-management/independence - Situational assessment/data collection - Reinforcement of job skills - Identification of needed and wanted support - Precautions taken to insure maximum safety of the customer - Evaluation of identified skills	Section 2, p. 19	-Instructional Strategy Plan	The consumer is receiving individualized systemic on-the-job instruction and needed and wanted supports are being provided in a non-intrusive method GUIDANCE: Review the consumer's Instructional Strategy Plan to ensure the consumer is receiving individualized systemic on-the-job instruction and needed and wanted supports and interventions are being provided in a non-intrusive method. Score "Yes" if the consumer's Instructional Strategy Plan is complete and present in the Supported Employment record Score "N/A" if the consumer is not receiving Supported Employment services or if the consumer is receiving Supported Employment services but is not employed, or if the consumer is employed but has completed on-the-job training.

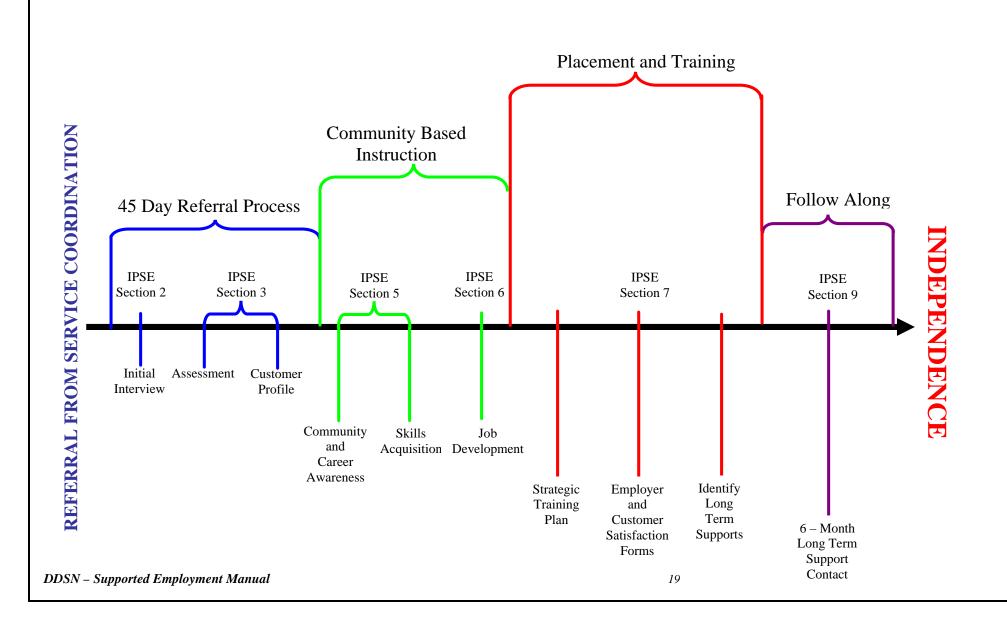
CUSTOMER SUPPORT STANDARD	GUIDANCE	PROCEDURES	DOCUMENTATION	FIRST HEALTH
The customer reaches job stabilization when he/she is able to complete his/her job duties within the natural environment without support from paid staff. Information and data is reviewed and a consensus is reached by the customer, employment specialist and employer.	 The employment specialist must review and revise as necessary the customer's IPSE with emphasis on Section 9, Long Term Supports The employment specialist must modify and amend the IPSE Long Term Supports as needed. A copy of the amended IPSE will be sent to Service Coordination only when requested by the service coordinator The employment specialist must fade from the job site training to maximize customer independence as needed and appropriate The employment specialist must maintain contact monthly for at least six (6) months once the customer has reached stabilization and independence to insure job retention as evidenced in Section 9, Long Term Supports of the ISPE Progress of stabilization must be evidenced and documented through the process of a site visit to the customer's place of employment. At the completion of the, Long Term Support contact period the employment specialist must review and evaluate the IPSE Section 9, Long Term Supports, Employer Satisfaction form and Customer Satisfaction form and then confer with the customer to determine the need for continued services and support. If the customer is receiving Supported Employment Services in excess of one (1) year, a determination and justification of services must be made and documented in Section 8, Monitoring and Evaluation of the IPSE 	Section 2, p. 20	-IPSE, Section 9 -Contact Sheet -Customer Satisfaction Form Employer Satisfaction Form -Amended IPSE	Needs, preferences, and options are identified in long term support plans and the employment specialist has maintained contact monthly as prescribed in Supported Employment Standard 808 GUIDANCE: Review the consumer's IPSE with emphasis on Section 9, Long Term Supports to identify needs, preferences, options and long-term support plans. The Employment Specialist must maintain contact (by phone or site visit) monthly for at least six (6) months after the consumer has reached independence to insure job retention and stability as evidenced in Section 9, Long Term Support Contact Form of the ISPE. Score "Yes" if the consumer's Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE) Section 8, Long Term Supports is current and complete and Section 9, Long Term Support Contact Form is current and updated and present in the Supported Employment record. Score "N/A" if the consumer is not receiving Supported Employment Services but is not employed or if the consumer is receiving Supported Employment Services but is not employed or if the consumer is still working on their Instructional Strategy Plan and long term supports have not yet been identified

CUSTOMER SUPPORT STANDARD	GUIDANCE	PROCEDURES DOCUM	MENTATION FIRST HEALTH	
809. Termination of	To the disconsist reaches maintain	, , ,	Gection 10 G5-10	
Supported Employment Services	consensus of the customer, the employer and the employment specialist, the employment specialist must conduct an exit interview to	-Exit into	consumer is terminated from Supported Employment Ser	n
At a determined point that the customer becomes stabilized in his/her employment position, long term support needs have been identified and are in place and the customer no longer needs the services of the employment specialist, an exit interview must be conducted. Events that lead to the termination of services, plans for future employment and/or a change in services must be addressed during this interview.	determine continuation of services. 2. A determination to terminate Supported Employment Services is justified if the customer for any reason is unable or unwilling to continue to be employed without the support of an employment specialist or no longer needs Supported Employment services. 3. An exit interview must be conducted when the customer has exhausted the maximum number of units for Supported Employment Services.	Satisfact -Custom	GUIDANCE:	n his/her g term ified or the arily or interview at lead to ans for hange in ring this nate ervices is or any ling to en in the yment rationale hation of the IPSE, f Services, estomer sult of the mination is ed assessment bort and job be

	recommendation to terminate Supported Employment services. Score "N/A" if the consumer is not receiving supported employment services or if the consumer is receiving supported employment services but is not employed or if the customer is employed and not being terminated from Supported Employment.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT STANDARD	GUIDANCE	PROCEDURES	DOCUMENTATION	FIRST HEALTH
CUSTOMER SUPPORT STANDARD	GUIDANCE	PROCEDURES	DOCUMENTATION	G5-11 Documentation is available to show Supported Employment was provided on date service was reported. GUIDANCE: This indicator addresses Waiver and Non-Waiver ServicesIndividual Service Report (ISR) is available and reflects the time spent providing the serviceThe plan reflects the specific activities/interventions needed to sustain paid workNotes reflect that the need activity or intervention was conducted with each contact that was reported. Score "Yes" if all documentation required is available for each board-
				Score "N/A" if the consumer is not receiving any board-based services.

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SECTION 3 SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT BEST PRACTICES

Customer Driven Approach

The Customer Driven Approach to supported employment has made a sweeping change to the previously held philosophy of rehabilitation counselors, employment specialists and service providers that the professional "knows best" when it comes to the interests and preferences of the client. For years these professionals have taken the paternalistic view that they were in charge of the client's life and therefore took on the responsibility of creating goals and outcomes for the client while leaving the clients little choice. Through the Customer Driven Approach to supported employment, the service provider takes on the role of a competitive business that offers quality support services from which the customer may choose. The customer, becoming increasingly more informed of other choices, selects the service provider and services that best suit his/her needs and interests. It then becomes the role of the Customer Driven Approach provider to facilitate the necessary services to assist the customer in making informed choices and achieving employment goals and positive employment outcomes.

Marketing the Supported Employment Program

As in any competitive business venture it is important that the community be familiar with the business and the services it provides. All good business plans for competitive businesses begin with a marketing campaign to create that awareness within the community and to present the business as a viable competitor within the field. It is important to remember when developing a marketing program that the customer must be an active participant in the process. Networking with the business world becomes increasingly more important as partnerships are formed within the community employment arena.

The job developer/employment specialist is a professional and must present himself on that level with the business community. A knowledgeable presentation of the organization to the business community is the first step in developing partnerships. Quality service and exemplary performance within the community will facilitate much needed lasting relationships for future employment opportunities for customers.

Self-determination/Self-advocacy

working definition:

"...to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society, pursue meaningful careers and enjoy full inclusion and integration in the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American Society."

-(sec.2(a)(3)(A-F)1992Vocational Rehabilitation Act

Self-determination is a learned skill within the process of becoming an independent self advocate. A self-determined individual must recognize his purpose, have a plan for the future, and have goals to achieve that plan. Self-determination is about choices and learning from those choices. It's about rights and having the skills to advocate for those rights. Self determination leads to self-advocacy which allows the individual to communicate his interests, beliefs, and values to others. Self-determination is the attitudes, abilities, and skills that lead people to define goals for themselves and to take the initiative to reach these goals and at the same time ensure equal access to full citizenship for all persons.

"...in every school in this country, a few children succeed regardless of the instruction they receive. Teachers identify these students early, because they have purpose in their lives. These students know what they like, what they can do, what they want, and how to get it. They are self-determined."

-Mithaug (1991)

(See the Self-determination/Self-advocacy fact sheet in the Resource section of this manual)

Assessment

A ssessment should be an individualized ongoing process that defines goals and drives the instructional activities. An identification of the customer's interests, needs and needed supports is the foundation for successful fulfillment of individualized employment goals. To achieve positive employment outcomes, supported employment requires assessment in the areas of vocational, personal/social, employment and behavior and self-determination/self-advocacy skills. The purpose of supported employment assessment is to determine strengths, abilities, and weaknesses and to identify interests and preferences to adequately develop a valid customer profile and appropriate employment goals.

(See the Assessment fact sheet in the Resource section of this manual)

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Customer Profile

Through the development of a customer profile the service provider/employment specialist has an opportunity to know the customer and is better able to assist the customer in the development of realistic employment goals. Through the process of gathering information from assessments, interviews and observations the provider and the customer can establish a basis which will guide them through the supported employment process. Because the customer profile is the basic foundation for making informed choices throughout the supported employment process, this step must not be neglected but rather, emphasized to ensure positive outcomes.

(See the Customer Profile, Section III, Individual Plan of Supported Employment in the Forms section of this manual)

Employment Plan

The Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE) is the official employment plan developed by the service provider and the customer to guide them through the supported employment process and document progress. The IPSE is a flexible and dynamic document that reflects the customer's path through the supported employment process, including assessment, placement, training, long term supports, independence and/or termination of services. The IPSE is an agreement between the customer and the service provider to fulfill the employment services that are defined in the goals and objectives of the plan. The provider will insure that the supported employer's abilities, interests and preferences have been taken into consideration in the development and implementation of the employment activities within the plan. This agreement is an understanding of partnership between the customer and the provider in an effort to enhance the employment opportunities of the customer.

(See the Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE) in the Forms section of this manual)

Goals/Activities

Through careful development of the IPSE based on proper assessments, interviews, and a customer profile, the service provider and the customer together will develop employment goals. These goals will drive the activities necessary to ensure desired employment outcomes for the customer. The customer's goals and activities are outlined in the IPSE, Section III, Customer Profile, and in Section VI, Record of Employment. These activities shall be monitored on a regular basis and adjusted as necessary. Remember that as the customer progresses through the supported employment process, interests, preferences, and abilities may change. These changes should be noted and addressed on the IPSE when necessary.

Job Development

The job development phase of the supported employment process is a natural progression from a successful marketing program mentioned earlier. The basic definition of job development is the securing of relationships with local community businesses to ensure job sites for training and placement. The following activities should be considered;

- ☐ Interests and needs of people with significant disabilities;
- ☐ Interests and needs of community employers;
- □ Labor market information (i.e., status of business growth and decline);
- □ Economic trends (i.e., unemployment rate, current and projected, locally and nationally); and
- □ Political and social influences affecting supported employment services (i.e. community perception of inclusion, compliance with ADA, and or other disability related legislation).

-Supported Employment Handbook: A Customer-Driven Approach, Virginia Commonwealth Univ., Brooks ,et al.

Job Placement

Once a job opening has been identified for the customer, the customer is contacted to determine if he/she is available and interested in that specific placement. Based on individualized information from the IPSE the employment specialist can then provide the customer with accurate information to facilitate informed choices necessary for this placement. If the customer chooses to accept this position the employment specialists will conduct a job analysis of the job site to become aware of the natural setting, identify natural supports, and develop a training strategy. Employment specialists must ensure maximum safety of the customer on the job.

(See Supported Employment Standard #805 in this manual)

Job Site Training

The employment specialist, having reviewed the job analysis of the placement, will develop a well designed systemic instructional program that is customer driven and provides the least intrusive method of providing support. *The Instructional Strategy Plan* will ensure the customer is receiving individualized systemic on-the-job instruction and necessary supports are being provided. (*See the Instructional Strategy Plan in the forms section of this manual*)

Job Stabilization

The customer reaches job stabilization when he/she is able to complete his/her job duties within the natural environment without continuous support. Information and data is reviewed and a consensus is reached by the customer, employment specialist and employer. Before consensus is reached, long term supports must be identified and addressed within the IPSE to ensure continued job stability and employment goals.

(See Supported Employment Standard # 807 in this manual)

(See Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE), Section VII Long Term Supports)

(See Customer and Employer Satisfaction forms in the Forms section of this manual)

Follow Through

Totact can mean a phone call or a drop-in unannounced visit on the job site. Always let the employer know you can be called on when the situation requires intervention. In the early stages of follow through, periodic evaluations should be made to document independence and stabilization in the placement. Remember to maintain a good rapport with the employer to continue community partnerships that are critical in supported employment marketing and job development.

(See Employer Satisfaction Form and Customer Satisfaction Form in the Forms section of this manual)

Personnel

The supported employment manager/day manager will generally oversee the employment specialists within the supported employment program of the organization. The supported employment manager is responsible for supporting the employment specialist staff in maintaining a high standard of service to the customer, insuring that the services provided are customer driven and that those services are conducted in a professional, business oriented manner.

The employment specialist will assist in the development of the customer's IPSE and oversee its facilitation to the satisfaction of the customer. The employment specialist is responsible for maintaining a high standard of service to the customer, insuring that the services provided are customer driven and those services are conducted in a professional, business oriented manner.

All supported employee personnel are responsible for taking precautions to ensure the safety of the customer. The employment specialists should review the customer's IPSE and medical history to be aware of potential personal medical risks. The employment specialist should also be aware of existing safety hazards on the job site and take precautionary measures to minimize existing safety hazards. In addition, the employment specialist should make the customer aware of emergency procedures and instruct the customer to take precautions in the event of such emergencies.

Quality Supported Employment Services

est practice indicators of a quality supported employment provider include the following:

- The organization has established a clear vision and mission that promotes integrated employment, community inclusion, and zero exclusion.
 - ☐ The organization has a well defined organizational structure.
 - ☐ The organization promotes staff involvement in planning and decision-making.
- ☐ The organization has defined job descriptions that promote the focus of integrated employment and related community supports.
- ☐ The organization configures staff to provide full service and self-directed supports.
- ☐ The organization invests in staff development through extensive, ongoing training and support.
- ☐ The organization makes available to the staff updated information on research and strategies of best practices in supported employment.
- The organization promotes an environment that supports the empowerment of personnel to be creative and innovative.
- ☐ The organization focuses on evaluation and improvement of individual and organizational outcomes.
- ☐ The organization promotes a professional image that is in line with common business practices.
- ☐ The organization has developed a networking partnership with the business community and other external entities on a local, state and national level.

"The challenge for every organization is to build a feeling of oneness, of dependence on one another... because the question is usually not how well each person works, but how well they work together."

-Vince Lombardi

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REFERRAL AUTHORIZATION FORM

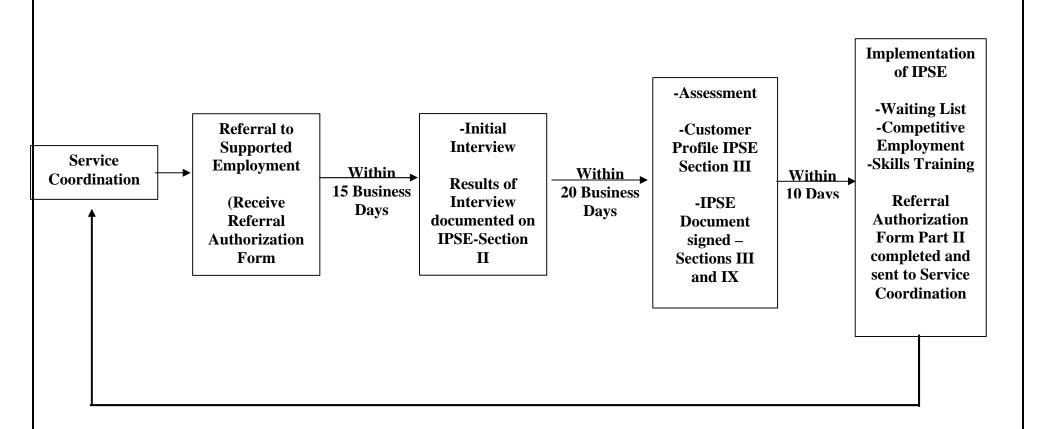
800 - Referral to Supported Employment:

All referrals to supported employment services must come through the Service Coordinator. A recommendation of services will then be made based upon needs and preferences from the referral and the initial interview.

- 800.1 All referrals for supported employment services must originate from the service coordinator
 - ☐ All referral originate from the service coordinator.
 - Customers requesting supported employment services that are receiving level II Service coordination must submit requests for services through the service coordinator and not directly with the supported employment program.
 - Service Coordination, upon receipt of the request and/or determination of need for supported employment services will then refer the customer to the supported employment provider of the customer's choice.
- 800.2 Date of referral to Supported Employment is date Referral Authorization form is received from Service Coordination
 - ☐ Referral Authorization form must be date stamped upon receipt from Service Coordination.
- 803.2 Referral Authorization Form, Section II completed and sent to Service Coordination.
 - Referral authorization form, section II must be sent to Service Coordination within the **forty-five** (**45**) **day** referral process. (See 45 Day Referral Flow Chart)

(SEE 45 DAY REFERRAL PROCESS CHART – FOLLOWING PAGE)

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT 45 DAY REFERRAL FLOW CHART





SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT REFERRAL AUTHORIZATION

SECTION I TO BE FILLED OUT BY SERVICE COORDINATION									
Date of Authorization:									
The following Supported Employment Provider has been requested by the customer:									
Provider Name:Phone:									
Provider Address:									
WAIVER: YES NO									
Waiver Customers Only: Waiver Authorization Form (MR/RD Form A-11 or A-29) sent to Supported Employment: Date:									
Number of Units Authorized: [One (1) Unit = One (1) Hour of Service] Assessment: Services:									
Services will not be implemented until MR/RD Waiver Authorization for Services form is received by Supported Employment.									
Customer's Name: Phone:									
Address:									
Social Security #:Medicaid #:									
Service Coordinator (Please Print):Signature:									
Address and Phone Number:									
SECTION II TO BE FILLED OUT BY SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT									
(Section II is to be filled out by Supported Employment personnel and returned to Service Coordination upon completion of the 45 day referral process)									
*Date Referral Received by Supported Employment:									
Supported Employment Services will be provided									
Comments:									
MR/RD Waiver Authorization Form received for waiver customer: Date: Services will not be implemented until MR/RD Waiver Authorization for Services form is received from Service Coordination.									
Supported Employment Services will <u>not</u> be provided									
Justification:									
Recommend referral to other services									
Recommendation and Explanation:									
Awaiting Service									
Justification:									
Employment Specialist Signature Date									
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ASSESSMENT FOR DAY SERVICES (ADS)

The Assessment for Day Services (ADS) is a minimum required assessment for customers referred to DDSN Day Services. Every customer that is referred to Day Services must be assessed on the skills outlined within the ADS assessment instrument. This instrument is not a mandated assessment tool for Day Services but identifies, at a minimum, the planning areas that need to be assessed. Service providers that already have adequate assessment tools in place do not have to use the ADS assessment. If a service provider has not designated a specific assessment tool for Day Services then the ADS assessment instrument should be used or similar instrument that covers the minimum planning areas. All existing assessments from other agencies that come with the referral must be a valid assessment in line with the ADS assessment instrument and current within the past year. The ADS assessment and all other assessments used for Day Services are valid for one (1) year. Any additional assessments done within that validation time can not be billed to DDSN. Day Services assessment is only required when the customer is initially referred and as necessary after the initial assessment.

The purpose of the Planning Inventory on the ADS assessment instrument is to provide a basic assessment in the identified planning areas. The planning areas consist of the following:

- > Self-Advocacy/Self Determination
- > Self-Esteem
- **Coping Skills**
- > Personal Responsibility
- > Personal Health and Hygiene
- Socialization
- **Community Participation**
- Mobility and Transportation
- **Community Safety**
- Money Management
- > Pre-Employment
- > Job Search
- > Additional Planning Areas

It is recommended that the service provider expand this instrument to address additional planning areas as needed

Assessment for Day Services									
Name:		SSN:		Re	ferral Date:				
DOB:				Se	x: Male:	Female			
Address:									
City:		State/Zip:		Home Phone	e:				
Person administering the assessment:	Print Name		Signature		Date A	dministered:			

PLANNING INVENTORY

The purpose of the Planning Inventory on the following pages is to provide a basic assessment in the identified planning areas. This assessment instrument is not a mandatory assessment for service providers; however, it provides a minimum assessment in each of the identified areas. Service providers using optional or additional assessment instruments must be sure that as a minimum each of the areas on this assessment instrument are included in their assessment.

<u>Directions:</u> Rate each planning area based on the current level of competence in each of the planning areas. Place a check or X in the appropriate box. If you do not think planning is necessary because a statement is not appropriate for this particular customer, check the "NA" (for "not applicable") box.

Upon completion of the check boxes a summary of the assessment for that planning area should be written in the Planning area Summary box before going on to the next planning area. This planning area summary will be used as documentation and analysis of the assessment for that planning area.

PLANNING AREA						
SELF-ADVOCACY / SELF-DETERMINATION						
	Not	Needs	Does not Need			PLANNING AREA SUMMARY
SA-1. Aware of personal preferences and interests	Applicable	Support	Support	Yes	No	
SA-2. Aware of individual strengths and limitations						
SA-3. Differentiate between wants and needs						
SA-4. Identifies choices						
SA-5. Makes choices						
SA-6. Considers various options						
SA-7. Considers the consequences of decisions						
SA-8. Establishes individual goals						
SA-9. Demonstrates problem solving skills						
SA-10. Assumes responsibility for actions						
SA-11. Demonstrates self-confidence						
SA-12. Expresses feelings and ideas to others						
SA-13	_					
SA-14	_					
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PLANNING AREA **SELF-ESTEEM** Does not Need Not Needs **PLANNING AREA SUMMARY Applicable** Support Support SE-1. Feels useful and needed SE-2. Feels he/she has good qualities and traits SE-3. feels successful most of the time SE-4. Happy with himself/herself SE-5. Happy with his/her life SE-6. Has a positive attitude SE-7. Respects himself/herself SE-8. Respects others SE-9. Expresses feelings to others SE-10. Expresses opinions to others SE-11. Develops friendships SE-12. Enjoys conversation with others SE-13. _____ DDSN-Assessment Form (ADS) Revised June, 2005 30

PLANNING AREA						
COPING SKILLS		Dess				
	Not	Does Needs	not Need			
CS-1. Often feels stress	Applicable	Support	Support	Yes	No	PLANNING AREA SUMMARY
CS-2. Identifies cause of his/her stress						
CS-3. Solves problem situations						
CS-4. Controls anger/temper						
CS-5. Controls emotion						
CS-6. Does not engage in self-destructive behavior						
CS-7. Identifies situations that may upset him/her						
CS-8. Avoids situations that may upset him/her						
CS-9. Avoids physical, psychological or emotional situations that are harmful						
CS-10. Has a crisis management plan						
CS-11. Has family support						
CS-12. Has a support group						
CS-13.	-					
CS-14	-					
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PLANNING AREA PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY Does Not Needs not Need PLANNING AREA SUMMARY Applicable Support Support PR-1. Schedules own appointments PR-2. Sets personal goals PR-3. Keeps track of daily schedules using a clock PR-4. Keeps track of weekly and monthly schedules using a calendar PR-5. Plans, prepares and serves his/her own meals PR-6. Prepares shopping list and shops for his/her own groceries PR-7. Cleans his/her own room (sweep, dust, make bed, pick-up) PR-8. Uses washer and dryer to cleans his/her own clothes PR-9. Lives in an apartment or house by himself/herself PR-10. Lives in an apartment or house with roommate PR-11. Identifies current day, month and year PR-12. Identifies safety hazards within the home PR-13. PR-14. 32 DDSN-Assessment Form (ADS) Revised June, 2005

PLANNING AREA						
PERSONAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE		Does				
	Not	Needs	not Need			
	Applicable	Support	Support	Yes	No	PLANNING AREA SUMMARY
PH-1. Maintain good physical health						
PH-2. Recognizes and addresses physical problems that arise						
PH-3. Maintains good mental health						
PH-4. Recognizes and addresses mental health problems that arise						
PH-5. Makes informed choices regarding sexual behavior						
PH-6. Takes a bath or shower and dries self						
PH-7. Washes and rinses own hair						
PH-8. Brushes teeth						
PH-9. Uses deodorant after shower or bath						
PH-10. Adjusts hot and cold faucets safely						
PH-11. Dresses him/herself						
PH-12. Calls 911 in an emergency						
PH-13						
PH-14						
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PLANNING AREA						
SOCIALIZATION		Does				
	Not	Needs	not Need			5
S-1. Acknowledges others in the room	Applicable	Support	Support	Yes	No	PLANNING AREA SUMMARY
S-2. Makes eye contact when talking or being talked to						
S-3. Acknowledges own name when called						
S-4. Answers when asked a question						
S-5. Participates in group activities						
S-6. Obeys rules at home, school and work						
S-7. Follows one step directions given by a person in charge						
S-8. Talks in a group discussion staying on the topic of conversation						
S-9. Does not interrupt others when they are talking						
S-10. Goes to others to get help or information						
S-11. Manages anger in a tense situation						
S-12. Develops friendships with others						
S-13.						
S-14						
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COMM	UNITY PARTICIPATION						
COMIN	UNITERATION		Does				
		Not Applicable	Needs Support	not Need Support	Yes	<u>No</u>	PLANNING AREA SUMMARY
CP-1.	Participates as an active citizen	Applicable	Барроп	П			
CP-2.	Locates appropriate community services and resource	S					
CP-3.	Knows how to use a variety of services and resources successfully						
CP-4.	Picks activities within the community to do for fun awa from home	у					
CP-5.	Makes plans and arranges to get to an event or activit he/ she likes	у					
CP-6.	Asks directions when in an unfamiliar location						
CP-7.	Knows how to order meals at a fast food restaurant						
CP-8.	Orders a meal from a menu at a restaurant						
CP-9.	Contacts caseworker or caregiver for assistance						
CP-10.	Asks where to find a telephone in an unfamiliar location	n					
CP-11.	Uses 911 or 0 and asks for helping an emergency who alone in the community	en 📗					
CP-12.	Knows and obeys safety rules while in the community						
CP-13.							
CP-14.							
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PLANNING AREA						
MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION	Not	Does Needs	not Need			
MT-1. Does not require mobility ADS for walking	Applicable	Support	Support	Yes	No	PLANNING AREA SUMMARY
MT-2. Is able to maneuver stairs without assistance						
MT-3. Asks for directions in an unfamiliar place						
MT-4. Walks or bikes to a place at least several blocks away from home						
MT-5. Able to get to a bus or train stop without assistance						
MT-6. Knows how to access public transportation						
MT-7. Uses a map for navigation						
MT-8. Has a drivers license						
MT-9. Wants to obtain a drivers license						
MT-10. Reads and understands street and traffic signs						
MT-11. Has a support person to provide transportation						
MT-12. Requests assistance in securing transportation						
MT-13	-					
MT-14	-					
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	NING AREA						
COM	MUNITY SAFETY						
		Not	Does Needs	not Need			
		Applicable	Support	Support	Yes	No	PLANNING AREA SUMMARY
CS-1.	Watches for traffic before crossing streets, driveways and parking lots						
CS-2.	Crosses the street only at designated crosswalks						
CS-3.	Walks a safe distance from moving traffic						
CS-4.	Looks in both directions before crossing a street						
CS-5.	Stays with the group in a crowded or busy area						
CS-6.	Gets into cars with friends or family only						
CS-7.	Asks for help when in danger						
CS-8.	Knows his/her phone number and address						
CS-9.	Gives out personal information only in emergency situation	ons					
CS-10.	Contacts a neighbor for help when needed						
CS-11.	Carries identification and money when leaving home						
CS-12.	Takes precautions when going out into the community						
CS-13.							
CS-14.							
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PLANNING AREA						
MONEY MANAGEMENT						
	Not	Does Needs	not Need			
MM-1. successfully uses a vending machine	Applicable	Support	Support	Yes	No	PLANNING AREA SUMMARY
MM-2. Pays for an item that costs more than a dollar with a Sufficient number of bills						
MM-3. Gives the exact amount of change to pay for something That costs les than one dollar						
MM-4. Has a checking account						
MM-5. Has a savings account						
MM-6. Manages personal finances						
MM-7. Cashes check/paychecks						
MM-8. Checks the accuracy of paycheck						
MM-9. Understands deductions on a paycheck						
MM-10. Budgets spending money						
MM-11. Makes a withdrawal from a bank account						
MM-12. Maintains financial records such as receipts and bills						
MM-13. Uses a debit card						
MM-14						
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PLANNING AREA						
PRE-EMPLOYMENT		Dago				
	Not	Does Needs	not Need			
	Applicable	Support	Support	Yes	No	PLANNING AREA SUMMARY
PE-1. Has a specific interest in securing employment						
PE-2. Has specific job skills						
PE-3. Has a specific employment goal						
PE-4. Identifies interests and preferences concerning employm	ent					
PE-5. Identifies and understands basic abilities and disabilities						
PE-6. Able to make informed choices						
PE-7. Develops goals						
PE-8. Communicates with others in an appropriate manner						
PE-9 . Follows directions						
PE-10. Displays acceptable on-the-job behaviors						
PE-11. Displays acceptable on-the-job socialization skills						
PE-12. Advocates for self						
PE-13						
PE-14						
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PLANNING AREA						
JOB SEARCH						
	Not	Does Needs	not Need			
JS-1. Identifies 2 or 3 jobs interests	Applicable	Support	Support	Yes	No	PLANNING AREA SUMMARY
JS-2. Identifies realistic job interests						
JS-3. Selects job interests that matches his/her skills						
JS-4. Seeks assistance from agencies or employment counselors in finding a job						
JS-5. Contacts friends and family concerning job openings						
JS-6. Contacts employers concerning job openings						
JS-7. Asks a person he/she knows well for a job recommendat	ion					
JS-8. Prepares a resume to include personal information and work history						
JS-9. Fills out a job application completely						
JS-10. Requests an interview for a job						
JS-11. Asks and answers questions during a job interview.						
JS-12. Accepts a job when one is offered						
JS-13						
JS-14						
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PLANNING AREA						
ADDITIONAL PLANNING AREAS			Does			
	Not	Needs	not Need			
	Applicable	Support	Support	Yes	No	PLANNING AREA SUMMARY
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INDIVIDUAL PLAN OF SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT (IPSE)

The purpose of the *Individual Plan of Supported Employment (IPSE)* is to establish an agreement between the customer and the service provider to fulfill the employment services that are defined in the goals and objectives of this plan. The provider will insure that the customer's abilities, interests and preferences have been taken into consideration in the development and implementation of these employment activities. This agreement is an understanding of partnership; between the customer and the provider in an effort to enhance the employment opportunities of the customer.

The customer has the right to review, evaluate and revise this instrument while services are being provided if there is a change in goals, activities, preferences, abilities, employment opportunities or personal situations that may affect the accomplishment of the employment goal. The Customer is responsible for fulfilling their obligation in carrying out this plan and keeping the provider informed of any changes that may affect the successful completion of this plan. The customer has the right to discuss with the provider any issues regarding services. The procedure to reconcile differences in the facilitation of this plan must be explained to the customer prior to signing the agreement

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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

INDIVIDUAL PLAN OF SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT (IPSE)

Section 1 – Customer Identific	ration			
Name:				
Information: House Number	Street	City	State Zip	Phone
Social Security #		Medicaio	d #	
Waiver: Yes No				
Date Referral (Referral Authorization	Form) Received by S	Supported Employm	ent:	
Section 2 - Results of Initial	Interview – (800) (2	To be administered wi	thin 15 days of receipt of Ref	ferral Authorization Form)
Date of Initial Interview:				
Experience:				
Strengths:				
Areas of Needed Support:				
Availability:	Transp	portation Needs:		
Medical:				
Other:				
Comments and Recommendations:				

Name of Assess	ment Used:	
My Employment		
		sistent with your abilities, strengths, preferences and interests.
	e objectives and activities that you have identified t	
Objective 1:	Activity	Pasults/Outagma
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Objective 2:		
Date	Activity	Results/Outcome
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Objective 3:		
Date	Activity	Results/Outcome
Objective 4: Date	Activity	Results/Outcome
	-	
Objective 5:		
Date	Activity	Results/Outcome
Additional Obje	ctives:	

Section 4 – *Terms and Conditions* (802)

I. PARTNERSHIP

This Individual Plan of Supported Employment is an agreement between the customer and the service provider to fulfill the employment services that are defined in the goals and objectives of this plan. The provider will insure that the customer's abilities, interests and preferences have been taken into consideration in the development and implementation of these employment activities. This agreement is an understanding of partnership between the customer and the provider in an effort to enhance the employment opportunities of the customer.

II. SUPPORTED EMPLOYEE'S RIGHTS

The customer has the right to review, evaluate and revise this Individual Plan of Supported Employment while services are being provided if there is a change in goals, activities, preferences, abilities, employment opportunities or personal situations that may affect the accomplishment of the employment goal. The customer is responsible for fulfilling his/her obligation in carrying out this plan and keeping the provider informed of any changes that may affect the successful completion of this plan. The customer understands and agrees to the following entrance guidelines to access Supported Employment Services:

- The customer is able to participate independently in a competitive employment environment within the community
- The customer understands that competitive employment is a time limited service
- The maximum units of Supported Employment Services will not exceed a total of 300 units per customer
- The customer's ultimate employment goal is to achieve stabilization and independence within the workplace without support from paid staff
- The customer desires to achieve a life long career within the workforce

The customer has the right to discuss with the provider any issues regarding services. The procedure to reconcile differences in the facilitation of this plan has been explained to the customer and he/she has indicated that these procedures are understood.

I have been provided with and understand the information of the proposed services within this Individual Plan of Supported Employment. I have participated in the development of this plan and understand and agree to it.

Customer's signature		Date
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Parent or Guardian's signature		Date
 Service Provider	Signature	Date
Service I rovider	Signature	Duie
Service Provider	Signature	Date
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This agreement must be signed within twenty (20) business days of the initial interview.

All information in this document is confidential and may not be released without the written consent of the signing customer.

List the objecti	Community Based Instruction (See Section ves and activities in which the customer will partic	ipate in the Community Based Instruction process. These objectives
	their career choices. This process also provides to	within the community which will enable the customer to make informe he customer with the opportunity to participate in skills acquisition
Objective 1: _		
Date	Activity	Results/Outcome
Objective 2: _		
Date	Activity	Results/Outcome
Objective 3:		
Date	Activity	Results/Outcome
Objective 4:		
Date	Activity	Results/Outcome
Objective 5:		
Date	Activity	Results/Outcome
Comments:		
(Attach additio	onal pages as needed)	

	Customer Name: Section 6 – Job Development – (805)								
To main	To maintain an accurate data base of local businesses and network contacts within the community, record below all information of ach contact for possible job development for this customer.								
Employ	Employment Specialist								
DATE	BUSINESS	LOCATION	DESCRIPTON OF BUSINESS	CONTACT PERSON					
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Customer Name: Section 7 – Record of Employment (806) - (To be completed when placed in employment.)							
Placement: Company:			Job Titi	le:			
Supervisor:	Superv	Supervisor Contact Information:					
Hire Date:Schedule:	Full-time:				Benefits yes no		
The employment specialist of Division regulations and theThe Employment Special benefits presently receiving.	e customer is receiving national receiving nations alist has referred the customark (Example: WorkWorld)	no less then the cu stomer to appropr J. SSA, Benefit Spe	rrent minimum hou iate resources to d cialists, etc)	ırly wage			
The Employment Speci his/hers benefits presently re Explain:	eceiving.		•		this placement will affect		
Job Description:							
Transportation needs:			Transportatio	n costs <u>:</u>			
Additional Placement Inform	mation:						

Customer Name: Section 8- Monitoring and Evaluation (804)			
ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF Month Year	<u> </u>		
A - 45 DAY REFERRAL PROCESS			
Activities	Date	Hours	Job Coach
Initial Interview (See specifics at IPSE Section 2)			
Assessment (See specifics at IPSE Section 3)			
Customer Profile (See specifics at IPSE Section 3) Community based career awareness activities designed to identify career options and broaden the placement opportunities for the customer to make an informed decision as to their career choice.			
B - COMMUNITY BASED INSTRUCTION		TT	T10 1
Activities (See specifics at IPSE Section 5)	Date	Hours	Job Coach
Career Awareness A community based program providing activities within the natural environment to provide the customer with employment opportunities within the community. CBI provides the customer with choices and options in which they are able to make an informed decision as to their career choice. CBI offers the customer the opportunity to participate in situational assessments in a natural setting. Skills Acquisition (if applicable) This component of community based instruction offers the opportunity			
for the customer to participate in skills acquisition activities which may			
include, but not limited to; pre-employment, self advocacy, self			
determination, socialization, behavior, interviewing, hygiene, proper			
dress, etc. These activities may be done in the community or as a			
classroom activity with in the facility			
C - JOB DEVELOPMENT		·	
Activities (See specifics at IPSE Section 6)	Date	Hours	Job Coach
Job development activities focus on the networking and the development			
of a relationship between the employer and the employment specialist.			
Job Development is marketing the supported employment program to the			
community to provide greater opportunities for the customer. This			
activity includes the job search, job analysis, accommodations, and job			
restructuring. This is a reportable activity only if it is specifically			
directed to this customer . The customer who is active in this process			
will have a greater sense of commitment and success in his career search.			
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D - PLACEMENT AND TRAINING - STRATEGIC TRAINING PLAN			
Intervention Activities (See specifics located in the Strategic Training Plan)	Date	Hours	Job Coach
Intervention activities are the use of instructional strategies for training			
individuals on supported employment job sites. Specific strategies			
include the use of job duty and task analyses, natural supports, natural			
cues, compensatory strategies, prompting procedures, reinforcers and			
self-management procedures. These procedures are provided in a least			
intrusive method of support.			
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Training Evaluations (See specifics located in the Strategic Training Plan) This section of the Strategic Training Plan is to evaluate the progress of	Date	Hours	Job Coach
the intervention activities used within the job site training process. The			
frequencies of the evaluations are at the discretion of the job coach.			
riequencies of the evaluations are at the discretion of the job coach.			
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Employer Satisfaction Form (See specifics in the Employer Satisfaction Form located in the customer's file)	Date	Hours	Job Coach
This form will be used by the employment specialist to update and			
evaluate the customer's job performance from the perspective of the			
employer. This form is used at various intervals during the training			
process at the discretion of the job coach.			
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Customer Satisfaction Form (See specifics in the Customer Satisfaction Form located in the customer's file)	Date	Hours	Job Coach
This form will be used by the employment specialist to update and			
evaluate the customer's job performance from the perspective of the			
customer. This form is used as a self evaluation for the customer and			
may be administered at the discretion of the job coach.			
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Customer Name:___

Customer Name:			
E - FOLLOW ALONG (6-month Long Term Support Contact)			
Activity (See specifics at IPSE Section 9)	Date	Hours	Job Coach
Follow along activities consist of observation and evaluation of the			
customer at the job site to test for independence and stability on the job.			
Although this is a 6 months minimum contact, once a month, retraining			
may be necessary at any point and the follow along may exceed the 6			
months minimum. When the follow along reaches one (1) year a			
determination of justification of service must be made.			
F - TERMINATION OF SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES			
Exit Interview (See specifics at IPSE Section 10)	Date	Hours	Job Coach
At such time that the customer is determined to be stable on the job			
through a consensus of all parties involved, an exit interview is			
conducted to determine the continued need for Supported Employment			
services.			
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G - WAITING LIST CONTACT – (See specifics at IPSE Section 11)			
For those customers placed on a waiting list for Supported Employment	Date	Hours	Job Coach
services, contact will be made every 30 days to assess waiting list status			
and an evaluation of the waiting list status will be conducted every 90			
days. At the completion of 1 year on the waiting list a determination will			
be made as to the continuation of Supported Employment services			
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H - MONTHLY SUMMARY OF PROGRESS			
Briefly describe the overall satisfactory and/or the need for improvement of			
month. Indicate where the customer is currently being served on the Supp	orted Empl	oyment Pi	rocess Chart.
TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS Month / Year	Date	Hours	Job Coach
FOR THE MONTH OF:/			

A copy of this documentation of progress (Section 8 - Monitoring and Evaluation) must be sent to Service Coordination quarterly as it is completed.

Customer Name:Section 9 - Long Term Supports - (808)			
LONG TERM SUPPORT EMPLOYER/CUSTOMER COMMonthly contact with the customer at the job site must be maintained findependence and is working on his own with natural supports. This so Document each contact on this form by entering the date, hours and the	or at least six (6) months ection is to test for indep	endence and	stability on the
CONTACT NOTES	Date	Hours	Job Coach
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Six Month Review:			
Date			
Recommendation:			
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<i>y</i>	aetermination of services resulting from	the information gathered in the exit interview.
terview notes:		
nation of Supported Employment S	Services Justification:	
nination of Continued Services Ju	stification:	
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Customer's signature		Date
Parent or Guardian's signature (If ap	pplicable)	Date
Job Coach	Signature	Date
Service Provider	Signature	Date

Customer N	
On the lines employment The custome	below indicate date of contact and provide comments on any necessary changes in the customer's status. The supported provider must make contact with the customer on the waiting list at least every thirty (30) days to evaluate his/her status. r's status as "waiting" must be reevaluated at least every ninety (90) days for determination of status. A reevaluation of the tatus is required at the completion of one (1) year on the waiting list to facilitate recommendation of services.
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	recommendations must be stated and this page copied and sent to Service Coordination)
	One (1) Year Evaluation
	Recommendation:
	Justification of Recommendation:
	Upon completion of this page at the end of one (1) year, recommendations and justification of recommendations must be stated and this page copied and sent to Service Coordination.

Section 12: Amendments

AMENDMENTS

All amendments to the Individual Plans of Supported Employment (IPSE) must be documented in this section and reference made in the section being amended.

Amendments must have the following information for each change and placed at the beginning of the IPSE.

AMENDMENT 1			
DATE:			
SECTION #			
EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT:			
SIGNATURES:			
Customer (print)	Signature	Date	
Service Provider (print)	Signature	Date	
(F)	278		
AMENDMENT 2			
DATE:			
SECTION #			
EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT:			
EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT: SIGNATURES:			
SIGNATURES:	Signature	Date	
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INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGY PLAN

The Instructional Strategy Plan is a tool to assist the employment specialist in providing appropriate and accurate on-the-job training. This plan is placement specific and will be developed with the customer to identify needed skills acquisition, activities and supports for a successful placement for the customer. Intervention activities will include those skills necessary to maintain the placement and supported by the employment specialist. These are specific training activities with identified outcomes and specified duration.

TASK ANALYSIS

Guidelines for Writing a Task Analysis:

- 1. State steps in terms of observable behaviors
- 2. Write steps in adequate detail with only one behavior per step.
- 3. Test the task analysis to ensure that each step results in a visible change in the task or process.
- 4. Order steps from first to last
- 5. Word steps as verbal cues. (Example: Push the "off" button)
- 6. Build natural cues and compensatory strategies into the task analysis.
- 7. Consider efficiency; use both hands with the least amount of movement.
- 8. Eliminate discrimination by building judgment into the task (Example: Vacuuming in a pattern results in a clean rug vs. needing to discriminate where the rug is dirty).

Sample Task Analysis

Job Duty: Cleaning the toilet	8. Brush sides of toilet	16. Tap brush
 Grab brush an cleanser 	9. Brush front of toilet	17. Lower lid of toilet
2. Go to first toilet	10. Dip brush in bucket	18. Brush outside of toilet bowl
3. Put cleanser in toilet	11. Tap brush	19. Put brush in bucket
4. Set down container	12. Brush lid of toilet	20. Get Cleanser
5. Dip brush in bucket	13. Raise lid and brush	21. Go to next toile
6. Tap brush	14. Brush inside of toilet	

EVALUATION

SKILL ACQUISTION RATINGS:

7. Brush top of toilet

The first table is a skills acquisition rating. Each skill from the intervention activities page (p.2) is listed and documented with a rating of S=Satisfactory, P=Progress Made, or N=Needs Improvement. A comments section is available to further explain the ratings and the progress of the customer.

15. Dip brush in bucker

INTERPERSONAL AND WORK BEHAVIOR RATINGS:

The Interpersonal and Work Behavior Ratings are designed to assess the overall work ethics of the customer to ensure stabilization on the job in the areas not related to specific job skills. These ratings along with the skills acquisition ratings will assist the employment specialist and the customer in identifying and recommending long term supports.



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGY PLAN

Customer:	r: Employment Specialist:		
lacement: Job Title:			
Supervisor:	Job Title: _	P.	hone:
Address of Placement:			
Hire Date:		_ Full-time:	Part-time:
Schedule:			
Number of days per week:		Number of hours p	er day:
Wages: \$ per	Payda	y:	
Benefits:			
Accommodations:			
Transportation Issues:			
Natural Supports:			
Job duties:			
Needed Supports:			

INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES

List needed skills acquisition for this placement. Include all training skills to be worked on during this placement, date of evaluation, rating and comments on rating/progress

Evaluation:

Skill Acquisition Ratings: S: Satisfactory P: Progress Made N: Needs Improvement

TRAINING SKILLS			EVALUATION
Skill	Date	Rating	Comments (Include level of independence and explanation of progress)

Interpersonal & Work Behavior Ratings: S: Satisfactory P: Progress Made N: Needs Improvement

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Grooming Personal Hygiene	
Personal Hygiene	
Other (Explain)	
Recommendations for Long Term Supports:	
TASK ANALYSIS Task Analysis is an optional tool to be used only when needed Skill: Cue Codest V-Verbal R-Physical M-Model or Costume Rhya (+) - Correct Minus (+) - In	
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Total Hours Worked Date Hours Percentage Stability Reached (Y or N) Week 1	Intervention
Date to Begin Follow-Along: Week 2	
Comments: Week 3	

EMPLOYER SATISFACTION FORM AND CUSTOMER SATISFACTION FORM

Employer Satisfaction Form

The **employer satisfaction form** may be used at anytime during the placement. As stated in **Supported Employment Standard 808.5**: At the end of the **six (6) months** contact with the customer, the employment specialist must review and evaluate the **IPSE Section VII, Long Term Supports, Employer Satisfaction form and Customer Satisfaction form** and then confer with the customer to determine the need for continued service and support. The Employer Satisfaction form is important data in determining if the customer is working independently at this time or if there are additional supports needed to maintain job stabilization.

At the time the customer is stabilized and has moved into long term supports, it is important to identify the supervisor that oversees the customer's performance. At this time a performance review process should be in place and in accordance with company procedures. In the initial stages of long term supports the customer, employment specialist and employer should maintain regular contact for input and determination of satisfaction. Informal check should occur initially every 2 weeks and gradually fade to every 2 months. It is up to the discretion of the employment specialist and employer in accordance with the company review process how often the Employer Satisfaction form is to be completed.

DDSN Supported Employment Standards require that the form be completed at least at the end of the six (6) months contact once stabilization has occurred and in accordance with the IPSE.

Customer Satisfaction Form

Regular discussions and visits at and away from the job site in the initial phase of placement should occur between the customer and the employment specialist. These contacts will provide important input into the customers contentment and satisfaction of the placement. Conducting face-to-face interviews and job site observations is the best way to acquire accurate data to help the customer make informed decisions.

The customer satisfaction form may be used at anytime, however, as stated in Supported Employment Standard 808.5: At the end of the six (6) months contact with the customer, the employment specialist must review and evaluate the IPSE Section VII, Long Term Supports, Employer Satisfaction form and Customer Satisfaction form and then confer with the customer to determine the need for continued service and support.

The customer satisfaction form provides important data in determining if the customer is working independently and employment goals and activities are being fulfilled and the customer is satisfied with the placement.



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYER SATISFACTION FORM

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(1) Customer:) Customer: (2) Social Security No:							
(3) Employment	Specialist:							
(4) Placement:_		(5) Jo	ob Title:					
(6) Supervisor:_	(6) Supervisor:(8) Phone:							
(9) Address of P	lacement:							
(10) Hire Date:_		(11)	Full-time:	Part-ti	ime:			
(12) Schedule <u>:</u>								
(Items 13 – 27 to be	e completed by employer/s	supervisor)						
(13) How was this	Evaluation Completed?	Personal Interview	Telephon	e		Mail		
Using the following employee's present		number to the right of each que	estion that <u>best</u> represo	ents your	opinion	about thi	s	
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SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT CUSTOMER SATISFACTION FORM

(Items 1 - 12 to be completed by the employment specialists prior to meeting with the customer) (1) Customer: (2) Social Security No: (3) Employment Specialist: (4) Placement:_______ (5) Job Title:_____ (6) Supervisor:________(8) Phone:_______ (9) Address of Placement: (10) Hire Date:_______ (11) Full-time:______ Part-time:_____ (12) Schedule:___ (Items 13 – 31 to be completed by the customer) (13) How was this Evaluation Completed? Personal Interview Telephone Mail Using the following scale, please check one number to the right of each question that best represents your opinion about this employee's present situation: 3 Very Extremely Somewhat **Extremely** Dissatisfied Dissatisfied Satisfied Satisfied Satisfied (14) How Satisfied are you with your performance in this placement...... (15)...timeliness of arrival and departure from work? (16)...attendance? (17)...timeliness of breaks and lunch? (18)...appearance? ...general performance as compared to other workers? *(19)* ...communication skills? (20)(21)...consistency in task performance? (22)...work speed? (23) ...quality of work? (24)...overall proficiency at this time? (25)...overall satisfaction with this job *(26)* ...overall satisfaction with the services provided by the supported *employment program* ...identification of long term supports (28) ...progress in attaining employment goal (29) Comments: Customer Signature Date (31) Return this form to the supported employment specialist Instructional Strategy Plan-Revised August, 3005 63

SECTION 5

MR/RD WAIVER SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT CHAPTER 9

Supported Employment

<u>Definition</u>: Supported Employment services consist of paid employment for persons for whom employment at or above the minimum wage is unlikely, and who, because of their disabilities, need intensive ongoing support to perform in a work setting. Supported employment services are provided in a variety of settings, particularly work sites in which persons without disabilities are employed. Supported employment includes activities to sustain paid work including training and supervision. When supported employment services are provided at a work site in which persons without disabilities are employed, payment will be made only for the adaptations, supervision and training required by the recipient as a result of their disabilities, and will not include payment for those supervisory activities rendered as a normal part of the business setting. Supported employment services can be funded by the waiver only when the services are not otherwise available under a program funded under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or P. L. 940142. Documentation of this must be maintained in the working file.

In Table 1 you will find a breakdown of the major activities that are provided through Supported Employment and the corresponding number of units to achieve that particular activity. The number of units shown in the table reflects the number of units necessary to accomplish the activities for an <u>average</u> Supported Employment placement. When determining the number of units of Supported Employment services needed for an individual take into account the level of need and care for that individual. The table is only a guide for an average placement and is used as a basis for determining actual number of units needed.

Table 1 - Units Based on an Average Placement

ACTIVITY	UNITS	TOTAL UNITS
45 Day Referral Process	15	
Skills Acquisition/ Placement	40	
Job Training to Stabilization (60 Days)	75	
6 Months Follow Along	12	
TOTAL UNITS		142

Forty Five (45) Day Referral Process

The forty-five (45) day referral process begins upon receipt of a Supported Employment Authorization for Services (MR/RD Form A-11) form from the Service Coordinator. Upon receipt of the authorization, the Supported Employment staff dates the form the day it is received and begins the referral process. As of that date, the customer is reported as active, receiving Supported Employment services. The following diagram is an outline of the Forty-five Day Referral Process.

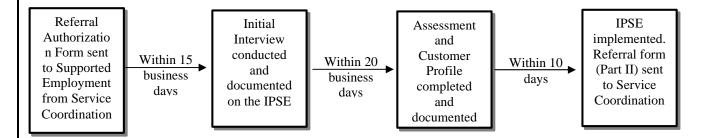


Table 2 - 45 Day Referral Process (based on an average placement)

ACTIVITY	UNITS	TOTAL UNITS
Initial Interview	3	
Assessment for Day Services (ADS)	6	
Customer Profile	6	
TOTAL UNITS		15

Skills Acquisition/Placement: At the conclusion of the 45 Day Referral Process if the customer has not been placed in employment, it is mandatory to provide the necessary skills and experiences needed for the customer to make an informed career choice. This activity entails community based instruction, situational assessments in a natural setting, career awareness, and employment skills acquisition.

Job Training to Stabilization: This component of Supported Employment consists of on-the-job training, identification and placement of long term supports. The Instructional Strategy Plan is used to assist the employment specialist in providing appropriate and accurate training. The Instructional Plan is placement specific and will be developed with the customer to identify needed skills acquisition, activities and supports for a successful placement for the customer. Intervention activities will include those skills necessary to maintain the placement and supported by the employment specialist. These are specific training activities with identified outcomes.

6 Months Follow Along: Contact with the customer and/or the employer must be maintained for at least six (6) months after the customer has gained independence and is working on his own with natural supports. This follow along process is to document the status of the customer's independence in this placement and to evaluate the necessity of additional supports. It is imperative that the long term supports that have been put into place are working and the consumer is stable in this position. At the conclusion of the six month contact period the employment specialist and the consumer will make recommendations concerning needed and wanted long term supports and evaluate the necessity of the continuation of Supported Employment services.

<u>Providers</u>: Supported Employment services are provided by staff who are sanctioned by SCDDSN to provide Supported Employment services.

Arranging for the Service: For those who are eligible to receive Supported Employment services provided by the DSN Board or local provider, their Plan must clearly reflect the need for the service. Once the need is established, SC Vocational Rehabilitation must be contacted to determine if this service is available through a program funded by SCVR. The Request for Determination of Availability of Service (MR/RD Form VR) should be used to request this determination. When sending this request to SCVR, you must include a copy of the most current psychological evaluation along with a signed release of information form. Until the evaluation is completed by SCVR supported employment services cannot be authorized through the MR/RD Waiver

If a determination is received from South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation stating that the individual <u>does</u> qualify for services provided by South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation then the recipient and the Service Coordinator would need to contact South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation to arrange for services. This service <u>would not and cannot</u> be funded through the MR/RD Waiver, but should still be reflected in the individual's plan.

Once determination is received (this documentation should never be removed/purged from the working file), if services are not otherwise available, waiver funding can be authorized. The recipient should be given a choice of providers of this service and the offering of choice must be documented. The recipient and/or his/her legal guardian should be provided with a listing of enrolled providers. If there is only one available choice then this must be explained to the recipient and/or his/her legal guardian and documented.

The recipient's plan should reflect the training or supervision needed to sustain employment and the frequency. For Supported Employment services, one unit equals one hour of service. Prior to adding Supported Employment Services to the Waiver Tracking System, you must first ensure the service is added on the STS. If Supported Employment Services are not already on the STS, you cannot add it to the Waiver Tracking System.

Once you have ensured that the information is entered correctly onto the STS you may proceed with adding the services to the Waiver Tracking System. To budget the number of units for Supported Employment services refer to Table 1 for Assessment information and Table 2 for skill acquisition/placement, job training, stabilization and 6 months follow along.

Once the request is approved, Supported Employment Services can be authorized using the **Authorization for Services (MR/RD Form A-11)**. The **MR/RD Form A-11** authorizes the Supported Employment provider to bill the local DSN Board for services rendered (in many cases the board will be the provider of Supported Employment services).

<u>Monitoring the Services:</u> You must monitor the service to assure that the service is effective and the recipient/family are satisfied with the service. The following policies should be followed:

Supported Employment Services

- At least monthly for the first two months
- At least quarterly thereafter

• Start over with each new provider or location

Monitorship of this service may occur during contact with the individual/family or the provider of services. Some items to consider during monitorship include:

- → Where does the individual work?
- → What type of work is the individual doing?
- → What are their work hours?
- → Do they want more hours or less?
- → What is the Job Coach doing (specifically) for this individual?
- → Is the Job Coach effective with assistance and training?
- → How often does the individual see the Job Coach?
- → Do they like where they work or do they wish to make a change?
- → What are their job responsibilities? Are they too much for the individual? Do they want more responsibilities?
- → How are they doing on the job? Are they accomplishing their job duties? Is the employer pleased with their work performance?
- → How much income do they generate?
- → Is transportation a problem?
- → Are they on time to work?
- → Is the individual satisfied with his/her current employment? Has his/her employment status changed since your last contact?
- → Does the individual feel that he/she is receiving the amount of support needed at the worksite?
- → Is the amount of services being received reviewed and changed, as the individual's needs change?
- → Is the individual satisfied with the provider of services? Does the individual feel that the provider shows them courtesy and respect when delivering the service?

See Monitorship of MR/RD Waiver Services Chapter 10 for more specific details and guidance.

Reduction, Suspension, or Termination of Services: If services are to be reduced, suspended, or terminated, a <u>written</u> notice must be forwarded to the consumer or his/her legal guardian including the details regarding the change(s) in service, allowance for appeal, and a ten (10) calendar day waiting period before proceeding with the reduction, suspension, or termination of the waiver service(s). The general termination form that has been used in the past for all waiver services is no longer used. See *Chapter 8* for specific details and procedures regarding written notification and the appeals process.

S. C. DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS MR/RD WAIVER

AUTHORIZATION FOR SERVICES TO BE <u>BILLED TO DSN BOARD</u>

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South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs MR/RD Waiver

Request for Determination of Availability of Service

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Address	s											
Date of	Birth											
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SECTION 7

Supported Employment Handbook: A Customer-Driven Approach

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-From the Preface

We can visit persons with severe physical and communication challenges at their jobs as computer programmers in university settings. We are able to finally give real hope to parents of children born with severe autism. Dual sensory impairments or Down Syndrom and say: "Yes, competitive employment can be a reality." This is an enormous accomplishment. It should not be taken lightly nor overlooked, since it provides a gold standard or beacon for people with significant disabilities and their families to aim toward.

Despite the marvelous gains and progress made in the venue of work, we still have barely scratched the surface. Too many people have been left behind who want to work but need support. There are people who want to have a life, a real life, but have been captured into dead end environments that do not offer growth. As yet, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has not helped these individuals nor has supported employment technology. They have been left behind.

Furthermore, the quality of supported employment programs is uneven and disparate from community to community and state to state. The lack, of quality in supported employment programs casts a shadow on the power of this approach. When any good idea is not implemented correctly, it usually will <u>not</u> lead to the desired results. Supported employment is no different.

Therefore, the purpose of this manual is to provide a contemporary training resource on implementing supported employment using a customer-driven approach. This is a model that works when the customer directs the process. We must be prepared to support the customers of supported employment to obtain the careers of their choice. With this challenge in hand I hope you find this manual helpful as you provide customer-driven services.

-Paul Wehman, Director RRTC, Virginia Commonwealth University February, 1997